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Trade sentiment ranged steady to instances firm.

Demand was moderate to

fairly good. Breast items

cleared. Dark meat items were about adequate to

desirable.

were in good balance and well

adequate and clearing. Wings were available. Weights were in a full range but mostly





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Young Chickens Slaughtered under Federal Inspection Classified by Weight, WEEKENDING: Apr. 17, 2004

FOOD SERVICE/

	FAST FOOD	RETAIL	DEBONING	IOIAL
Weight Range	4.20 & Down	4.21 - 5.25	5.26 & Up	
Total (000)	25,491	24,749	44,262	94,502
Percentage	27%	26%	47%	100%

Fast Food and Food Service Sizes

Live Weights	RTC WOG Weights	No. of Head (000)	Total Slaughter
3.60 lbs. & Lighter	Under 2 lbs., 8 oz.	3,976	4.21
3.61 - 3.80 lbs.	2 lbs., 8 oz. – 2 lbs., 10 oz.	6,553	6.93
3.81 - 4.00 lbs	2 lbs., 10 oz., -2 lbs., 12 oz.	9,367	9.91
4.01 - 4.20 lbs.	2 lbs., 12 oz 2 lbs., 14 oz.l	<u>5,595</u>	5.92
		25 491	26.97

BROILER EGG SET CHICKS PLACED IN 19 STATES COMPARED WITH U.S. BROILER SLAUGHTER

					Eggs Set		Chicks Plac	eed F	Prelim. Fed. Ir	sp.	
Slaughter	Egg		Chicks		10 Weeks		7 Weeks		Million head		
Week	Sets		Placed		Previous		Previous		Slaughtered		
	(000)	%*	(000)	%*	(000)	%*	(000)	%*	(000)	%**	
Feb 28	209,927	102	168,074	103	205,527	103	166,769	103	152,700	100	
Mar 06	209,447	101	169,251	102	206,014	102	166,529	102	153,459	100	
Mar 13	210,020	102	170,462	102	205,547	101	165,515	100	157,179	102	
Mar 20	209,673	102	171,496	101	206,529	101	168,098	101	153,006	97	
Mar 27	210,955	103	172,440	102	206,764	102	168,937	102	152,749	100	
Apr 03	211,195	100	172,271	103	205,540	100	167,265	101	152,052	100	
Apr 10	212,939	102	171,566	102	204,460	100	167,390	102	150,462	99	
Apr 17	213,662	102	171,422	102	206,642	102	168,319	103	152,185	101	
Apr 24	213,468	103	173,068	101	208,421	103	169,208	102	156,011	103	

Data in bold are subject to revision *Percent of previous year **Percent change from previous week

Whole Broiler/Fryers (cents/lb.)	Majority	Current Week	Previous Week	Year Ago
Week of 05/03/04				
NEW YORK Grade A Ice-packed	76-79	76.85	76.36	52.39
CHICAGO Grade A Ice-packed	73-76	75.42	74.50	50.36
LOS ANGELES Grade A Ice-packed	80	79.94	79.63	67.01
12-CITY COMPOSITE Weighted Avg.		77.83	76.05	57.89
GEORGIA DOCK FOB Wtd. Avg. (Wed Dock	75.25)	74.45	73.75	62.36
SOUTHERN STATES FOB Whole Body 5 Day A	Avg.	73.18	71.36	46.10

Broiler/Fryer Parts (cents/lb.)	Northeast	Southern States	Georgia
Weekly Weighted Average	(Delivered)	(FOB)	(FOB)
	04/30/04	04/30/04	05/03/04
Breast – B/S	217.28	215.05	230.00
Tenderloins	224.09	236.92	258.00 (Line run)
Breast – Line Run	119.63	118.99	124.00 (Whole)
Leg Quarters	33.24	30.82	35.00
Wings	124.16	123.68	130.50

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